

IEMA Technical Director Appointed to Head UKAS Environment Committee

The United Kingdom Accreditation Service (UKAS) has appointed Martin Baxter, Technical Director at the Institute of Environmental Management and Assessment, as the new chair of its Environmental Management Systems Advisory Committee (EMSAC). The Committee is responsible for providing technical advice to UKAS on the environmental management systems (EMS) accreditation process and on the monitoring of its effectiveness. As part of its remit, EMSAC also provides recommendations on the development of the content of international EMS accreditation guidelines, and provides advice on their implementation by UKAS.

Welcoming his appointment, Mr Baxter said:

“I’m delighted to be able to accept this important position. Accredited certification against the internationally recognised ISO 14001 EMS standard helps to provide assurance to a wide range of stakeholders on the way that organisations are managing their environmental risks and opportunities, and improving their environmental performance. A strong and robust accreditation process is the foundation on which that assurance can be provided. “

EMSAC comprises representatives from a range of EMS stakeholder interests, including DEFRA, DTI, the Environment Agency, IEMA, accredited certification bodies and industry. Mr Baxter, who has served on EMSAC since 2000, succeeds Mr Peter Wilson of WSP Environment.

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2. With over 10,000 members, the IEMA is a leading UK membership organisation dedicated to the promotion of the goal of sustainable development and to the professional development of individuals involved in environmental management and assessment.
3. The IEMA is licensed by the Society for the Environment to award the Chartered Environmentalist (CEnv) professional qualification.
4. The United Kingdom Accreditation Service (UKAS) is the sole national accreditation body recognised by government to assess, against internationally agreed standards, organisations that provide certification, testing, inspection and calibration services.

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